



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Mike Shambaugh, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, August 15, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Deere moved to approve the July regular session minutes.  
Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr.  
Principal Chief

*Principal Chief Hoskin began his State of the Nation with appreciation to the Council for their support in the proposed Career Readiness Campus here in Tahlequah. Chief Hoskin reported on the funds recently spent to help our fluent speakers through our Speakers Services Department. He spoke of the need for contractors to be able to repair homes. Over \$1.6ml has been dedicated to community organizations to assist them in outreach. The Housing Authority Help for Cherokee Homeowners Assistance Fund will provide help to homeowners who are facing some difficulties with their mortgage. The Clothing Assistance Program has been reopened until the 29th of*

*August. Chief Hoskin provided highlights from the recently held Oklahoma City At Large meeting and the upcoming meetings in Washington State and Oregon. Lastly he urged the Cherokee people to be engaged and vote in the upcoming elections.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden

Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Deputy Chief Warner and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden honored Winifred Dudley, Michael Reese, Michael Smith, Johnathon Ketcher, and Philip Manes with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Monthly Reports:

##### Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett reported on the extremely strong financials despite some of the economic head winds. They recently won a very significant contract with the IRS to help them streamline the tax return process. He spoke of the referral program and the continuing need for good men and women to join their workforce. Mr. Garrett announced it was a great honor to give the Marshal Service \$10ml for all the work they do. The 27th Annual Cherokee Homecoming Art Show opened last weekend at the Cherokee Springs Plaza. The Cherokee Nation Film Office recently celebrated a grand opening in Owasso. They are celebrating their 13th year as Hard Rock Tulsa and are consistently one of the top performing Hard Rock locations in the world. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Speaker Shambaugh requested an update on the Arkansas casino battle.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Legg made a motion to amend the agenda to include an item passed out of committee earlier today as new business item #1. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**22-064**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIBAL**

**TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDING**

**Sponsors:** Daryl Legg, Mike Shambaugh, Shawn Crittenden, Joshua Sam, Victoria Vazquez and E. O. "JR." Smith

**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-039-22

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Councilors requested prayers and gave condolences to several Cherokee families who have lost their loved ones over the last month.*

*Councilor Smith announced he would be having a community meeting in Black Gum on August 30th. He also announced Javier Ramos, who played at Vian and the University of Oklahoma, was drafted to the Colorado Rockies.*

*Councilor Shotpouch announced the 69th Annual Shotpouch Hog Fry will be held on the 28th.*

*Councilor Austin congratulated Cherokee Citizen, Payton Battenfield, from Verdigris for being called up to pitch for the Cleveland Guardians. He also announced eighty-seven years ago today Will Rogers lost his life.*

*Councilor Coates announced At Large community meetings on the 20th in Salem, Oregon and on the 21st in Renton, Washington.*

*Speaker Shambaugh echoed the Chief's comments on reminding everyone on how important it is to vote, the runoff is August 23rd.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:49 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.